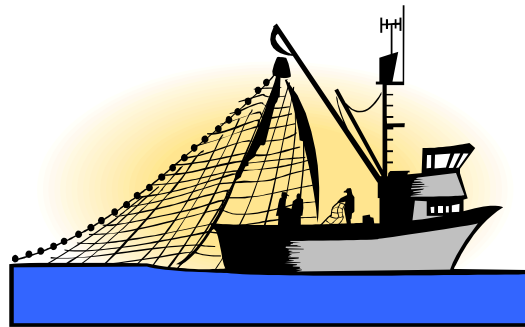


# Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination Checklist

**State Registered**  
**26 to Less than 40 feet in length**  
**Outside Boundary Line**  
**3 to less than 12 nm from coast**



<b>GENERAL VESSEL REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Vessel Name:</b>		<b>Number:</b>
<b>BRIDGE &amp; DOCUMENTS</b>		
33 CFR 173	<b>Registration/Markings:</b> Original on board, current; Vessel's number on both sides of forward part of hull. Contrasting color	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.165	<b>Injury Placard</b> (All Vessels)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Navigation Lights:</b> Required during darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility (fog) Side Lights (112.5°) All around white light or masthead (225° and sternlight 135°) Fishing lights Red over White (360°) 1 meter apart, required on all fishing vessels except TROLLERS. Trawlers use green over white.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Dayshapes</b> Required fishing dayshape, two black cones apex to apex. Not required on TROLLERS.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	<b>Sound Producing Devices:</b> Vessels < 12m (39.4 ft): Means of Making an Efficient Sound Signal 12m < 20m (65.6 ft) a powered whistle	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

## **LIFESAVING**

46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)</b> Immersion Suit. One for each person on board. Marked with name and retroreflective tape Properly maintained in good working order and in good shape Stowed readily accessible Personal Marker Light attached Coast Guard approved Batteries replaced annually (alkaline) or expiration date (others)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	<b>Ring Life Buoys:</b> Required 1 orange ring life buoy, 24 inches in diameter. a. Marking with name and retroreflective tape b. Ring buoy is required to have 60 feet of line attached. c. Stowed readily accessible in good working condition.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Survival Craft:</b> Vessels less than 36 feet: Not required if less than 4 persons on board. 36 feet or more OR 4 or more people on board: <u>Buoyant Apparatus</u> Stowed in a readily accessible location. Marked with vessel's name or number and reflective tape.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Visual Distress Signals</b> 3 Parachute Flares (#160.136 or .036) 6 Handheld Flares (#160.121 or .021) 3 Smoke Signals (#160.122 or .022 or .037)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 28.150 46 CFR 25.26 46 CFR 28.135 47 CFR 80 46 CFR 28.140	<b>Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB):</b> Category I Automatically Activated/Float Free 406 MHz EPIRB Less than 36 feet: Category II Manually Activated 406 MHz EPIRB Battery not expired Current Registration with NOAA Hydrostatic Release not expired Unit marked with vessel's name	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A

## **ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS**

46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	<b>Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment:</b> Required 2 B-I Fire Ext on board. Approved by USCG, UL or FM. Good Condition/Pressure gauge OK or weighed and tagged if no gauge. Mounted properly in bracket	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.35	<b>Flame Arrestor</b> (gas power) Approved and in good condition	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
46 CFR 25.40	<b>Ventilation</b> (gas power) Adequate/Working ventilation to engine compartment	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
33 CFR 159.7	<b>Marine Sanitation Device:</b> Required only if there is an INSTALLED toilet. Type III: Holding tank to prevent overboard discharge. Overboard valve must be secured	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A
POLICY	<b>Excess Safety Equipment:</b> Any safety equipment (PFDs, EPIRBs, Survival Craft, Fire Extinguishers, Visual Distress Signals) that is in excess than what is required on board must meet one of the following: 1. Serviced and properly maintained in good working order, 2. Marked "For Training Only" and kept separate from serviceable items, or 3. Removed from the vessel.	

## **CFVS VESSEL CHECKLIST GUIDELINES**

This booklet is to be used to record voluntary examinations of commercial fishing industry vessels. It provides a summary list of Coast Guard requirements to examiners and owners/operators of commercial fishing industry vessels. This checklist should be used in conjunction with the regulations or other aids developed by the Coast Guard to assist in understanding of the regulations.

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